THE WATERLOO OF AN EGOTIST. **E**

Ceell Arthur Dovely could not under- | mother, who was ill, he granted her the stand why he made no progress with brief respite with almost royal gra Mary Barelay. His position as the clousness. When she had gone Can chief dispenser of pills and postage picked up a magazine, and was comstamps in the biggest drug store of a pracently perusing its prosy and neacountry town had given him an exag-gerated idea of his own importance. He the sound of voices in the same room was not a particularly bad looking with himself. He looked about quickhis manner. His broad, high fore- sensation of fear. As the sounds prowas just a triffe too flashy for the sta- ing, always manifested themselves to tion in life he had been called upon to the eyes rather than dialogues. There which in rural communities so enhances Dovely would have attempted an in-

Cecil, who was not a bad fel- rooted to the chair. He could not esow at heart, had kept the young ladies cape, and he began to feel that he had the time that we went over the veldt of Rossville and their anxious mothers been selected by some restless spirits to have a look at Magersfontein. guessing for a long time, and the news as the custodian of their confidences. that he had been offered a partnership The sound of the voices at first seemed He used heard before, and this circumstance ions; those of the woman half flatter

There was one young tady in the ing, half concillatory. town who resisted Dovely's wiles, or.

"You know men are such deceivers." were as cheap as dead leaves in sultime rather, those of his horse and bussy, the voice was saying, "You play with Blankets and clothing were also such and the prospect of a partnership in a woman's heart as a child does with in evidence. partnership, and she it was whom Cecii. a toy. with no other motive at first, than per- is newer to you, though perhaps not to versity, determined to win.

One day he decided upon a grand attack upon the fortress of Mary's heart heart that you pick up comes along He wrote for permission to call on a and picks up the very heart that you certain evening, and received it. Thus have thrown aside." ouraged, he waited upon the even which would mark him victor or van- followed this speech. quished. He scarcely hoped for the He dreaded the latter. He men," replied the man, "You are all o embellish his language with wrong; you don't understand man. ought to embellish his language with quotations from the poets and studied the most effective manner in which to exploit his many captivating qualities. often tried to make some women some

It is needless to say that when he called on her he talked principally but I have never found one to sympa about himself. He was, however, quite puzzled at the sudden and energetic interest that Mary seemed to manifest in all that he said, but encouraged by the room, and then the imperious ton it he seared into giddy heights of eloquent self-exploitation. He would up the whole monologue with a passion-ate avowal of his love for Mary, and an almost tearful entreaty for her heart and her hand in return. Mary was genuinely interested in Cecil, and, in consequence, he was the very last person in the world she would have sus- I've figured the whole thing out, and pect it. So she tried to simulate indifference by affecting a sort of platonic feeling for him. Such a regard, The perspiration stood of however, did not come up to Dovely's requirements, and when he objected to being side-tracked from the main line of love to the siding of sisterly affection and demanded a direct response to his appeal, Mary showed an inclination to temporize. In brief, she asked him to call upon her a week later, and if, after mature deliberation, he was of the same mind, she might then think the matter over seriously. Dovely protested that his present frame of mind was not the result of sudden impulse, but the full grown flower which is the sweet reflection that he was not the province of the sweet reflection that he was not irreclaimable, and that his scourging was at worst only a severe lesson from being side-tracked from the main line

since of her eyes, long ago. He vowed that the end of time would find his love unattered and unatterable—all of which he had read in "How to Proposo, or Every Man His own Lovemaker."

Mary, however, remained firm, and Dovely went back to his pills and plasters. It would be vain to describe the battle fought betwen hope and fear, exultation and despair, in the young drug clerk's brain during that —eck. He was sustained somewhat by h's inordinate vanity, but beneath all lay the suspicion, ever faint, that perhaps Mary had been laughing at him. When Mary had been laughing at him. When poor Dovely pulled the bell handle of the Barclay home on the appointed night he was so full of nervous uncertainty that his bear and then realize the truth. He wondered if he were not asker and the come back in a week, if he were still of the same mind. Even then he did not realize the truth. He wondered if he were not asker and the contraction of the contraction of the contraction of the same mind.

and planted in his bosom with the first

the Barclay home on the appointed night he was so full of nervous uncestainty that his knees trembled and his heart seemed to smite his ribs in the very terror of doubt.

The door was opened by Mary, who received him with such a pleased look and cordial pressure of her soft, warm hand, that his conceit, coward that it was, as soon as it believed all danger to be past, mounted again, to the most justily than ever before. The magic of her glance transformed him from the suppliant to the prince, and he strutted across the hall to the drawing room, and sealed himself in the best chair, prepared to receive homage from the girl.

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the girl.

Mary expressed great joy at his kindness in calling, and sichly confessed that she had suffered not a utto rear that something might detain num. These delicate compliments caused Cecil congiderable chest expansion; and when Mary humbly begged to be excused for a few minutes while she attended her

is not that I don't love you as much as ever-aye, a great deal more than ever before-but I feel that I have been a fool; that I am not worthy of you, and it was a presumption for me to ask you to marry me I believe that I can be a more modest and sensible man, and I went you to give me the opportunity to prove it before giving me your asswer. Mary's answer was worthy? I brain and her heart.

"Arthur," she said, "what you have said proves that you are all right, and "I take you on faith."

Next morning the phonograph was sent back to town, it having succeeded in eliminating forever the capital "I from the personality of Cell Arthur," ovely, and the fun of it was that Ceel times-Herald.

mes-Herald.

FILTHIEST PLACE ON EARTH.

A Typical Boer Camp is Nastier than Anything on the Footstool-Except Another Camp.

KIMBERLEY .- As soon as the Boom head was surmounted by his carrot-colored hair brushed a la pampadour. For a moment he suspected that he was his eyes, a light blue, were lacking in going mad. He was superstitious, but could do so hastened to the spot to see strength and expression, and his dress ghosts, according to his way of thinksuccessfully withstood their attack What they found was, I suppose, the fill. To crown all, he owned a herse was something uncanny in the sounds, illthicst place in the world. If any and bugsy-that charmed possession too, as if issuing from a metal casket. me's prestige with the eligible young vestigation, but very fear held him Lord Roberts vanquished Cronje; but

The Boers had gone away in such in his employer's store did not lessen like a faint echo of something he had their belongings with them. Evidently the order was every man for himself o ride around the circle of Rossville desponed his perplexity. The conver- and no time must be lost." Consequen femininity and select whom he would sation seemed to be between a man and ly the position was littered with trunks to go "buggy riding" with him on a a woman. The man's tones were imper- raddles, tin boxes, bags of inealism, mealle flour, and of rice. Cartridge were as thickly strewn about as if they

> Then you look for another that In places the frightened Boers ha made an effort to hide their leavings by piling them in the trenches and then throwing skins or canvas over them. haps has thrown aside and bruised the and dirt and tree branches on top of all

others, and another fellow, who per-

A soft laugh of telerant condensation

"Oh, that's the old story with wo

any chance of being elected?"

'No, he hasn't the slightest chanc-

In their trunks we found, usually, only clothing and letters. Much that they had been using was of British make, largely taken from the British dead, for these "simple pastoral people" strip and rob our dead after every bat-

men," replied the man. "You are all wrong; you don't understand man. Your feminine minds can't grasp the depth and breadth of his nature. I have often tried to make some women sour with me to leftler realms of thought, but I have never found one to sympathize with my poetle or artistic moods."

Here a soft little sigh, like a zephyntouching the maple isaves, stole across the room, and then the imperious tones resumed:

"I know women. I've seen a good deal of life. Didn't I live more than a year in New York?"

"Let's talk politics," then said the woman. "Do you think McKinley has any chance of being elected?" Dozens and dozens of-bullock his

drum-shaped wooden casks which they sling below their carris and wagons.

The place was a village of shelters, or, in reality, two villages—one upon the rocky kopje and one by the trenches on the veldt.

On the kopje the habitations were walls of piled up boulders covered with skins or canvas wagon covers. They made the hill resemble one of the ruined cities of the American cliff dwellers in Arizons.

On the veldt the shelters were made of upright sticks, roofed over with

of upright sticks, roofed over with skips, wagon covers, or bush branches thus leaving enough of each for them t

New Orlsans Time :- Democrat: "Short y before the curtain rose the first night Mansfield put on 'Cyrano' here," said a young man connected with the theater. 'I was passing down the little hall in. front of the star's dressing room, when I noticed a good-looking, smooth-faced chap sitting on a box near the door. I chap sitting on a box near the door. I recognized him as Mansfield's dresser, and knowing that the actor must be busionly preparing for his entrance at that very moment was greatly surprised to see his man outside of the rosm. My first thought was that they had had a row, and I stopped to see whether I could learn any spicy details. When I suggested such a thing the dresser laughed. 'Bless yer heart not' he said.' The boss is puttin on his make-up, that's all.' Upon this I pumped him a little, and was astonished to hear that Mansfield never allows anybody in the dressing room when he is making un made up his mind that nobody shoul cal the secret, and for that reason in stuff on. His make-up materials are

Who have the

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carried in a small sheets iron box, such as they use in a safe deposit vault, and when he gets through he locks them up and puts the key in his pocket. I glanced into the dressing room while the first act was on, and sure enough there was the closed box in front of the mir-gor. There wasn't as much as a powder puff in sight

Atlanta Journal: The tendency of the

divorce legislation in nearly all the states is in the direction of greater restriction and closer protection of th narriage boad.

Several of the new western states where divorce could formerly be obtained for the asking by anybody from anybody from anywhere, have changed their statutes on this subject so as to require real residence and substantial causes for divorce.

Last year laws were enacted in Nevada, New Hampshire, Texas and Wisconsin which regulate better the granting both of marriage licenses and divorces. The new Wisconsin law removes a great and growing evil by cutting off a large number of persons who resort to the state from Chicago and other places for marriage without a license. The new Wiaconsin haw requires five days' notice, and the return and record of the certificate under stringent penaltics.

In all but a few states a year's bonafide residence is required of seekers for

divorce.

Last year the divorce laws of Alabama, Florida and Rhode Island were made more stringent. Maine has added the option habit to the list of causes for divorce.

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This is about the only instance of reent legislation which tends towards an cent legislation which tends towards and increase in the number of divorces.

The course of legislation in the last two years has made the obtaining of divorces much more difficult in a large number of states, and we may expect further progress on this line.

more year teast, just the woman he was to meet:

Her back was turned and no one was hardy the remaining halves into quarters and offered the quarters at 32 apiece. The crowd began to laught. Then they stoped har by the arm and said, in a voice of almitisted severity:

"Well, here you are, spending my money as usual, ch".

The face turned quickly toward him was not his wife's; it was that of any was him as all the right of the country of Distorts Muscles, dens or court yards after night. The neighboring markets are overrun by such swarms that all ordinary attempts to subdue the vermin have been abandoned in despair. As for the cats, they no longer take any notice of a rat, either from motives of fear or because they are too common to be of any interest to them. Hitherto there has been an annual appropriation for the sustenance of cuts in the military store houses, but now that pussy is neglecting her mission, her rations have been cut off. The knows of the day are four terriers, who working in unison and with indefaligable energy, have cleared all the rats out of the prefecture of police. So far the authorities are at a loss to know how to proceed agadinst the rodents. The use of certain poisons which kill instantly and which mummify the body has been advocated, but the government, heat-tates to adopt a remety which would make it so early for criminals to get possession of deadly drugs. Shatters Nerves,

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one of those towns with a future and one business street. I'd run up from Chicago after an option on some timber lands and lay over there one Saturday and Sunday. Saturday afternoon I was hanging around the hotel office when a man and boy drove up outside in a buggy. The boy, who worked in the town livery stable, got down, unhitched the horse and led him away, and the RECEIPTS.

In it pulled out his prize. The watch case was the plit; but it was a one dollar bill. Then the other watch case buyers and the man who'd bought jewelry wrapped up in bills opened their coats and held an autopay. The bills were all good, but they had changed somehow to one denomination —3; The mon who had invested in matches went home without saying anything. But that night at the hotel, we counted up the stranger's profits as follows:

RECEIPTS. ed the horse and led him away, and the man stood up and began to arrange and carrange packages on the buggy seat.

small crowd around him, and in about fifteen minutes the crowd included practically the entire male population of the town. But the man in the buggy seemed oblivious by any attention. He rearranged his packages for fifteen minutes more without looking up. Then suddenly he stood erect, pushed his silk hat back on his head, and held up a silver dollar.

"I have here," he said, 'a United States silver dollar. What gentleman in the crowd will give me fifty cents for it?"

"The crowd didn't seem to hanker mall crowd around him, and in about

"The crowd didn't seem to hanker after silver dollars at fifty cents apiece.

I put up at your house last night,

his morning?"

"The hotel man said he thought he

quarter for this half-dollar?"

"This time it wasn't difficult to get a taker, and the man in the buggy thereupon sold the quarter for fifteen cents, the fifteen cents for a dime, and the dime for a nickel. These last bargains went like hot cakes. Then he held up the nickel.

"Gentlemen,' he said. I want to buy six matches for this five cents." The crowd seemed to be grasping the idea that they were trading on a bull market. The man in the, buggy secured his matches and held one up.

"What gentleman,' he said, will give me a dollar for this match?"

"This was a new phase and the bull market took on a conservative tone.

"Oh, I know as well as you do,' said the man, 'that that's a high price to pay for a match. You can buy fifty boxes for the monory. But, gentlemen, these don't happen to be ordinary matches, and somehody's going to give me a dollar for cach one of these six and it's going to be the best bargain he's made in a long time.

"There was nothing of the salesman about the man in the buggy. He was the prophet sure and simple. He stated his case calmly and curelessly like a man who was not concerned with the result.

"There was a pause for a few mo-

ments; then somebody handed up a dollar. The man in the buggy folded the match in a bit of paper and made the buyer step up to the wheel. Then he poked it into his vest pocket and

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It Wasn't.

Tit-Bits: A laughable but rather emberraseing case of mistaken identity occurred the other day in a large draper's shop. A gentleman who is a little too fond of joking entered the shop for the purpose of meeting his wife at a certain counter. Sure enough there stood a lady dressed, to his eye at least, just like the woman he was to meet!

Her back was turned and no one was near her; so he quietly aproached, took her by the arm and said, in a voice of simulated severity:

"Well, here you are, spending my money as usual, eh?"

The face turned quickly toward him

the boked it into his vest pocket and he poked it into his vest pocket and said:

"Now you button your coat up over that, and stay right there, so I'il know where you are when I want you."

"Then he held up a second match, and sold one after another of the six at \$1 apiece in less than three minutes. After that he pulled out a \$5 bill and said he wanted to buy three more matches with it, and the crowd turn-bled over itself. He broke these matches in halves, and began to sell the halves at \$1 apiece. He disposed of three, and then the market sanged again. But the man in the buggy was not in the least disconcerted, the broke these matches in halves, and began to sell the halves at \$1 apiece. He disposed of three, and then the market sanged again. But the man in the buggy was not in the least disconcerted. He broke these matches in halves, and began to sell the halves at \$1 apiece. He disposed of three, so I'll know where you are when I want you."

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"He got his doilar on the run, put the cases with his own hands into the buyer's pocket, and made him button his coat up over it and stand close, just as he had done with the matches. Then he picked a five doilar bill out of his wad, put it in another brass case, and sold the outfit for \$3; then a ten-dollar bill for \$5; and then a twenty-doilar bill for \$5; and then a twenty-doilar bill for \$5; and then a twenty-doilar bill for \$10.

"This is tun for you, gentlemen, he said, but my turn's coming after a while.

"Finally he opened another box and shook out a lot of shoddy lewelry hadges and pins, and the like that sel at retail for five and ten cents apiece.

"This is the last chance for bargains, he said, and began to offer them at \$1i, \$2\$ and \$3, and, so help me, he got at \$1i, \$2\$ and \$3, and, so help me, he got it. And every piece was wrapped up and shoved into the customer's vest pocket, and the customer himself nade to stand up among the elset who were going to have semething nice hapon to them lated. Once in a while, when a sale dragged he'd wrap the geograw in a 47ws-dollar bill instead of paper, but never until it was sold. And this uncertainty as to what the wrapper was going to be also had a good effect on the market. I guess he sold fifteen or the market. I guess he sold "This is fun for you, gentlemen, he said, but my turn's coming after a while."
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"Then all of a sudden he stooped and began to pack up his case. He did not sleep be that I would be more tired in the morning when I would first get up than when I went to bed. I would have contained that I would be more tired in the morning when I would first get up than when I went I bed in the morning when I would first get up than when I went I bed in would first get up than when I went I would first get up than when I went I would first get up than when I went I would first get up than when I went I would first get up than when I went I would first get up than when I went I would first get up than when I went I would first get up than when I went I would first get up than when I went I would first get up than when I went I would first get up than when I would first get up than when I went I would first get up than when I went I would first get up than when I went I would first get up than when I went I would first get up than when I went I would first get up than when I went I would first get up than when I went I would first get up than when I went I would first get up than when I went I would first get up than when I

RECEIPTS. 6 matches at \$1.
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VANITY FAIR.

Qucen Victoria's furniture, which had Queen Victoria's furniture, which had been packed for Bordighera, with her majesty's traveling equipage of plate, linen and glass, was dispatched to Ireland instead of to Italy. Two landaus were sent over to Dublin, with servants and horses, and the queen's garden chair and donkey were dispatched from Windsor at the same time.

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It is an expensive luxury to belong to half a dozen of the leading clubs of New York. The annual dues of the Metropolitan are \$100 and the initiation fee \$500, as compared with \$100 and \$250 for the Members of the Mem closet is devoted to hanging space, and is fitted with cross-poles, or with hooks screwed into the upper shelves, either of which receive the racks for the coats says Harper's Bazar. These racks are carefully made the exact size of the caots, and no larger. There are two hooks for suspenders, and another larger hook on the door that does not come anywhere near the hanging brackets, for the neckties. This style of closet is compact, yet capable of holding a large outfit. et is compact, yet capable of nothing darge outfit.

The tenant of the burned New York

The tenant of the burned New York apartment house who wanted to telephone to a hotel for a room before he left the building showed a degree of caution which was warranted by the facts. Hotel men say that never before have the hotels been so crowded as they are now, and for the last few weeks it has been almost impossible for strangers to get rooms in any of the larger hotels. Although the Waldorf-Astoria has accommodations for about 1,400 people, it has been forced to turn away strangers every day, and a dozen other big hotels have done the same thing. This condition of affairs was discussed at the hotel men's dinner several weeks ago, and one hotel proprietor, who regretted that he had not largers ecommodations, said: "The only explanation that I can give for the unusual crowding of the hotels is that people generally are more prospersions and that it had hotels now offer

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